

## Animals, Humans, & Heroes

Throughout history, and within different cultures across the world, people have utilized animals to symbolize human character traits.

### **Brainstorm: Animals**

1. Name an animal and pair it with a human character trait
  - Dog-loyalty, caring, compassionate
  - Meerkat-interdependence
  - Cats-betrayal, gentle, kind, independent
  - Lion-bravery
  - Fox-cunning, sly, smart
  - Donkey-stubborn
  - Sloth-lazy
  - Eagle-observant
  - Peacock-majestic
  - Dolphin-friendly
  - Owl-wise
  - Tiger-brutal, strength
  - Raven-intelligence
  - Snake-defensive, charming
  - Elephant-strength, social, intelligent
  - Dragon-wisdom, power
  - Cow-caregiver, respect
  - Butterfly-beauty
2. Write everything that you can come up with that you associate with your chosen animal (for a full 5+ min.)
3. *Homework: Collect images of an animal of your choice (make sure to include photo images). Do this by the end of this week, before we leave for winter break.*

### **Brainstorm: Humans**

1. What is a hero?
2. What are some character traits you associate with a hero?
3. Does a hero have to be well-known?
4. Do you have to know someone for them to be a hero to you?
5. Who is someone you would consider a hero and why? (this can be someone you know personally or a public figure)
6. *Homework: Collect images of an animal of your choice (make sure to include photo images). Do this by the end of this week, before we leave for winter break.*